

# Richard Steele

## Quotes

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Whenever you commend, add your reasons for doing so; it is this which distinguishes the approbation of a man of sense from the flattery of sycophants and admiration of fools.

~Richard Steele

Fire and swords are slow engines of destruction, compared to the tongue of a Gossip.

~Richard Steele

People spend their lives in the service of their passions instead of employing their passions in the service of their lives.

~Richard Steele

Among all the diseases of the mind there is not one more epidemical or more pernicious than the love of flattery.

~Richard Steele

Vanity makes people ridiculous, pride odious, and ambition terrible.

~Richard Steele

There is no Pleasure like that of receiving Praise from the Praiseworthy

~Richard Steele

A lie is troublesome, and sets a man's invention upon the rack, and one trick needs a great many more to make it good.

~Richard Steele

A fool is in himself the object of pity, until he is flattered.

~Richard Steele

Zeal for the public good is the characteristic of a man of honor and a gentleman, and must take the place of pleasures, profits and all other private gratifications.

~Richard Steele

I look upon it as a Point of Morality, to be obliged by those who endeavour to oblige me

~Richard Steele

The person, whom you favored with a loan, if he be a good man, will think himself in your debt after he has paid you.

~Richard Steele

I love to consider an Infidel, whether distinguished by the title of deist, atheist, or free-thinker.

~Richard Steele

He that has sense knows that learning is not knowledge, but rather the art of using it.

~Richard Steele

The married state, with and without the affection suitable to it, is the completest image of heaven and hell we are capable of receiving in this life.

~Richard Steele

One common calamity makes men extremely affect each other, though they differ in every other particular

~Richard Steele

I cannot think of any character below the flatterer, except he who envies him

~Richard Steele

Pleasure, when it is a man's chief purpose, disappoints itself; and the constant application to it palls the faculty of enjoying it.

~Richard Steele

It is to be noted that when any part of this paper appears dull there is a

design in it.

~Richard Steele

It is a very melancholy reflection that men are usually so weak that it is absolutely necessary for them to know sorrow and pain to be in their right senses.

~Richard Steele

That man never grows old who keeps a child in his heart

~Richard Steele

Since we cannot promise our selves constant health, let us endeavour at such temper as may be our best support in the decay of it.

~Richard Steele

A Woman is naturally more helpless than the other Sex; and a Man of Honour and Sense should have this in his View in all Manner of Commerce with her.

~Richard Steele

A healthy old fellow, who is not a fool, is the happiest creature living.

~Richard Steele

Readings is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

~Richard Steele

A little in drink, but at all times your faithful husband.

~Richard Steele

No woman is capable of being beautiful who is not incapable of being false.

~Richard Steele

There can hardly, I believe, be imagined a more desirable pleasure

than that of praise unmixed with any possibility of flattery.

~Richard Steele

Pride destroys all symmetry and grace, and affectation is a more terrible enemy to fine faces than the small-pox.

~Richard Steele

There are so few who can grow old with a good grace.

~Richard Steele

It has been a sort of maxim, that the greatest art is to conceal art; but I know not how, among some people we meet with, their greatest cunning is to appear cunning.

~Richard Steele

Whoever would be wise should read the Proverbs; whoever would be holy should read the Psalms.

~Richard Steele

A Daughter: The companion, the friend, and the confidant of her mother, and the object of a pleasure something like the love between the angels to her father.

~Richard Steele

Whether a pretty woman grants or withholds her favors, she always likes to be asked for them.

~Richard Steele

Though her mien carries much more invitation than command, to behold her is an immediate check to loose behaviour; to love her was a liberal education.

~Richard Steele

Praise from an enemy is the most pleasing of all commendations.

~Richard Steele

Though very troublesome to others, anger is most so to him that has it.

~Richard Steele

A woman seldom writes her mind but in her postscript

~Richard Steele

You see, among men who are honored with the common appellation of gentleman, many contradictions to that character.

~Richard Steele

Many take pleasure in spreading abroad the weakness of an exalted character.

~Richard Steele

I know of no manner of speaking so offensive as that of giving praise, and closing it with an exception.

~Richard Steele

Simplicity of all things is the hardest to be copy.

~Richard Steele

Nothing can atone for the lack of modesty; without which beauty is ungraceful and wit detestable.

~Richard Steele

A man cannot have an idea of perfection in another, which he was never sensible of in himself.

~Richard Steele

A favor well bestowed is almost as great an honor to him who confers it as to him who receives it.

~Richard Steele

When a man has no design but to speak plain truth, he may say a great deal in a very narrow compass.

~Richard Steele

Modesty never rages, never murmurs, never pouts; when it is ill-treated, it pines, it beseeches, it languishes.

~Richard Steele

The world is grown so full of dissimulation and compliment, that men's words are hardly any signification of their thoughts.

~Richard Steele

Of all the affections which attend human life, the love of glory is the most ardent.

~Richard Steele

Mutual good humor is a dress we ought to appear in wherever we meet, and we should make no mention of what concerns ourselves, without it be of matters wherein our friends ought to rejoice.

~Richard Steele

The man is mechanically turned, and made for getting. . . . It was verily prettily said that we may learn the little value of fortune by the persons on whom Heaven is pleased to bestow it.

~Richard Steele

The world will never be in any manner of order or tranquility until men are firmly convinced that conscience, honor and credit are all in one interest

~Richard Steele

The insupportable labor of doing nothing.

~Richard Steele

A modest person seldom fails to gain the goodwill of those he converses with, because nobody envies a man who does not appear to be pleased with himself.

~Richard Steele

The survivorship of a worthy man in his son is a pleasure scarce inferior to the hopes of the continuance of his own life.

~Richard Steele

How few there are who are furnished with abilities sufficient to recommend their actions to the admiration of the world, and distinguish themselves from the rest of mankind.

~Richard Steele

There is hardly that person to be found who is not more concerned for the reputation of wit and sense, than honesty and virtue.

~Richard Steele

Will. Honeycomb calls these over-offended ladies the outrageously virtuous.

~Richard Steele

The praise of an ignorant man is only good-will, and you should receive his kindness as he is a good neighbor in society, and not as a good judge of your actions in point of fame and reputation.

~Richard Steele

It is the duty of a great person so to demean himself, as that whatever endowments he may have, he may appear to value himself upon no qualities but such as any man may arrive at.

~Richard Steele

It is an endless and frivolous Pursuit to act by any other Rule than the Care of satisfying our own Minds in what we do



~Richard Steele

I was going home two hours ago, but was met by Mr. Griffith, who has kept me ever since. . . . I will come within a pint of wine.

~Richard Steele

It is an impertinent and unreasonable fault in conversation for one man to take up all the discourse.

~Richard Steele

Conversation never sits easier upon us than when we now and then discharge ourselves in a symphony of laughter, which may not improperly be called the chorus of conversation.

~Richard Steele

When a man is not disposed to hear music, there is not a more disagreeable sound in harmony than that of the violin.

~Richard Steele

Age in a virtuous person, of either sex, carries in it an authority which makes it preferable to all the pleasures of youth.

~Richard Steele

Pleasure seizes the whole man who addicts himself to it, and will not give him leisure for any good office in life which contradicts the gayety of the present hour.

~Richard Steele

Since our persons are not of our own making, when they are such as appear defective or uncomely, it is, methinks, an honest and laudable fortitude to dare to be ugly.

~Richard Steele

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